

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2210

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, AS  
SUBJECT: TELEPHONE SOLICITATION

REF: 77 STATE 304252

1. EMBASSY PASSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL VIA LETTER TO  
E.E. PAYNE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POLICY DIVISION,  
POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NOW  
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY:

QTE THE TTLECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1975 AND THE BY-LAWS OF THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ESTABLISH A NUMBER OF OFFENCES  
WITH REGARD TO IMPROPER USE OF THE TELEPHONE SERVICE. THERE  
IS NOTHING IN OUR LAW, HOWEVER, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ACTION TO  
BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION WHICH USES THE  
TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE WAY YOU DESCRIBE.

ANY ATTACHMENT TO A TELEPHONE SERVICE HAS TO BE APPROVED  
BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IF ANY PERSON OR  
ORGANIZATION WISHED TO ATTACHE SOME AUTOMATED DIALING  
APPARATUS TO A TELEPHONN LINE, THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE  
COMMISSION WOULD BE NECESSARY. IN UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD  
BE AGAINST COMMISSION POLICY TO APPROVE A LINE  
ATTACHMENT FOR MAKING UNSOLICITED ADVERTISING CALLS TO  
PRIVATE PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER AND MORE DETAILED  
COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER, I SUGGEST YOU INQUIRE OF THE  
SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.  
THE COMMISSION IS THE OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR THE  
DOMESTIC TELEPHONE SERVICE AND THE ADDRESS OF THE  
COMMISSION'S SECRETARY IS 1199 WILLIAM STREET,

MELBOURNE, VIC., 3000. END QTE

2. EMBASSY WRITING SECRETARY OF AUSTRALIAN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND WILL FORWARD SUCH  
REPLY AS MAY BE RECEIVED. ALSTON

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